



From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

One of the things we, as a Board, are wanting to do is encourage more partnership within and across the school community. A group that has supported the school so well for so many years is the PTA. Their focus areas have been on fundraising for the school and helping to develop a sense of community.

It can be a big ask to constantly look for ways to raise money and so we are wanting to redesign how the PTA works so their sole focus is on school community events, showing manaakitanga (hospitality) to members of our school family. It was decided at the last PTA meeting that it would close, in its present form, and a new group would be formed.

We hope to have 2 parents from each class join the new group along with several teachers. We want to find a time of the day that suits everyone to meet, knowing that it can be difficult to get out in the early evenings for many families. In the coming weeks we will be asking for parents who are willing to help as part of this new group.

For now, I really want to thank the core group of PTA parents who have served the school so well. Anne Uys has been the leader of the group for about 8 years and I especially want to honour her for that. It is these sorts of people who demonstrate and model servanthood and a servant heart to our students and parent community. Thank you.

Kia tau te aroha noa ki a koe. Amine. God's grace be with you all. Amen.

Bethany Rentoul

Congratulations

Well done to the following students who received certificates last week:

Loketi Langi for putting effort into his work.

Kryton Diprose for being a super helper to new students in class.

Ayla Grumball for her enthusiasm and hard work in English Writing.

Joshua Jeffries for his neat and organised work in Literacy and Maths.

Scholastic Book Club

Please return any orders to the office by tomorrow, 21st February.

Wheels Day

Wheels Day: Reminder, Bike day next Wednesday February 26. Children bring your bikes, your skateboards and scooters and be ready for a "wheelie, wheelie" fun time at school. Don't forget your helmets, your positive attitude and your biggest smiles!! Zoom...

Year 1-2 Class Camp

Teina Tahi and Teina Rua (Mr Phillips', Mrs Thompson's and Mrs. Hamilton's classes) will be having their school camp here at school on the soccer field, on Friday 21st to Saturday 22nd February. Bring along your tent, and camp on the soccer field with your child. We will meet at 5pm and we will provide dinner and activities for the evening. We will pack up camp by 9am on Saturday morning. Each child needs to be accompanied by a parent / guardian if he / she is sleeping over. If you are not able to camp over with your child, your child is welcome to join us from 5pm - 8:30pm on Friday night. If you do not have your own tent please let us know and we will endeavour to organise a tent for you.

Perseverance



Learners

Servant Hearts



Opportunities to serve

Prayer Meetings – one of the best things you can do for our school is to pray for it. A small group meets every Thursday from 9 am to about 9:30 am at school to pray for our school community. Everyone is welcome.

Join the PTA – two meetings per term, help organise community events and support the school through fundraising.



Swimming

Swimming runs regularly on Thursdays now and all Year 1-8 students will need to have their togs and towel (named) at school in a swimming bag for these sessions. The cost of pool entry and transport will be put onto Activity Expense accounts. If you are interested in helping this term, please see Mrs Thompson or leave your name at the office. We would really like some more parent helpers. You don't even have to swim!

Servanthood



Social and Educational Agencies Expo

The North and South Timaru Kahui Ako is excited to provide an opportunity for all of our teachers and parents to attend a Social and Educational Agencies Expo at Craighead Diocesan School's Gymnasium facility on the 21st February. Approximately 20 organisations who are involved in helping children and their families will be available to share what services they offer. It is an informal setting and visitors are free to walk around and chat with those that are most relevant to their situation. The Expo runs from 1pm to 6pm and all parents and teachers are warmly welcome to attend.

Love



Timaru Christian School Student Achievement Data End 2019 - (128 students)

Percentage of Students Achieving at or Above their Expected Level at the End of 2019	MATHS	READING	WRITING
Whole School	77	77	68

Grace



When comparing our school's achievement data with the most recently available data for the Timaru region, our school is achieving at similar levels to those in other local schools. We need to focus on our Written Language achievement in junior classes and intermediate; our middle primary students are performing at a good rate.

We have found that following periods of transition eg from ECE to junior primary, and from primary into intermediate, achievement rates drop for a period of time. Both of these transitions involve significant changes or 'jumps' in expectations due to the curriculum. It is not uncommon to see this happen. However, we see significant gains in middle primary (after students have settled), and feedback from Secondary schools confirms our students are well-prepared and achieve at or beyond expectations in most cases. As teachers, we will be researching and developing ways to ensure our students adjust to the expectations following transitions at a faster rate.

Playground

We have been working hard on a playground face-lift over the holidays but there is still a lot to do. While the caution tape is up, students will need to stay out of that area. Fortunately the swings are proving to be a popular alternative.

Upcoming Events:

20 th Feb	BoT Meeting, 6 pm	4-6 th March	Year 7-8 Camp in Arrowtown
21-22 Feb	Year 1-2 Camp at school	17 th March	PCT Challenge
24-25 th Feb	Year 3-4 Camp at Geraldine	26 th March	BoT Meeting, 6 pm
27-28 th Feb	Year 9-10 Athletics Camp in Chch	9 th April	Term 1 ends

Community Notices

For Sale

Blue bucket hat size 59 \$5; Sports uniform top size 14 (I think) \$10; Sports uniform shorts size 14 \$10; White shirt size 10 pretty good condition \$10; White shirt size 12 used but very good condition \$12; Skirt size 14 very good condition \$30; Skirt size 16 very good condition \$30. Please contact Nicole Keen 027 325 7788

Children's Day 2020

For families looking for fun activities on Sunday 1st March, the ever-popular Children's Day event is the place to be, at the Caroline Bay hall from 10am to 2pm. This free annual event will offer an array of events and activities that will keep families busy and will be a great opportunity for mums and dads to join in and do things with their children. They can play exciting games, test their skills in interesting activities or simply

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have a great time watching the selection of entertainment. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and make a day of it, last year many hundreds of people took part. There will be free refreshments including sausages available. The day's activities include music and movement, mini train rides, bouncy castles, and inter-active displays from emergency services. Many of the popular Caroline Bay rides will operate free between 10am and 2pm. Children will have a chance to perform with a band, take part in outside games, or even try their hand at fly fishing or obstacle courses. For the little ones under five years, there will be ride-on-toys, face painting and a lot more. As in previous years there will also be great activities for the older children, organised by the YMCA. Write this date on your calendar, now.

JAB RUGBY

5 – 13 year olds, Boys & Girls. Registration Days for new and existing players: Wed 26th Feb, 4:30-6:00pm, Sat 29th Feb, 10:00am – 12:00pm. Celtic Clubrooms, Craigie Avenue, Timaru. Please bring birth certificate for age verification for new members.

Old Boys JAB Registration

Saturday 14th March, 11 am – 1 pm, Wednesday 18th March, 4-6 pm. See school noticeboard for details.

MacKenzie County A&P Show, Fairlie

Easter Monday, 13th April. Sections and classes to suit all ages: Wearable Art, Upcycling, Photography, Crafts, Painting, Drawing, Digital Art, Hobbies, Fruits/Vegetables, Leatherwork, Floral Art, Wood Work, Pottery, Card Making, Cooking, Sewing, Animals, Jewellery, and many more! The full schedule can be viewed on <https://showday.online> or you can download it from our website www.mackenzieshow.co.nz or contact the secretary Jodi Payne by email mackenzieapsociety@gmail.com. Entries close 6 March but don't need to be completed until show day. Entries can be dropped off prior to the show by arrangement.

Makikihi School Sunflower Maze

Come for a sunset meander through the maze. Sausage sizzle available, BYO drinks, swimming pool available. Friday 21st February, 5-8 pm.

Come for a rummage through the car boot sale. The maze will be open and there will be pony rides and a sausage sizzle. Swimming pool available so bring your togs. Saturday 22nd Feb, 10 am – 3 pm.

Maze open Monday 24th to Friday 28th Feb, 4-6 pm. Entry \$5 for adults, \$2 for children.

12 Makikihi Station Road, Makikihi.

Nathan Wallis talk

Tuesday 25th Feb. See noticeboard for details!

Community Extravaganza

Celebrate South Canterbury's rich cultural diversity on Race Relations Day, Sat 7 March 2020 | 10.30am - 2pm at the Southern Trust Events Centre, Morgans Road, Timaru. Performances from local cultural Groups, Lego for kids to create and build, Lantern making, Henna painting, traditional dress up & photo booths, First aid 3 steps for life training, Origami, Lolly Leis, Community Information Stalls, International Food Stalls - enjoy the tastes of 12+ countries. For more info 03 687 7371 | migrantcentre.office@gmail.com.

Junior Golf Tournament- April School Holidays

At the Geraldine District Golf Club- Orari Back Road on Thursday April 23rd 2020. 18 holes 10am reporting, Tee Off 10.30 am, or 9 holes 11.30am reporting, Tee off midday. Entry Fee: \$5 for 18 Hole players or \$3 for 9 hole players. A drink and some food will be available after the game. Contact: Graham Keen 021326004 or dm@aarangigolf.org.nz.

Gleniti Scout Group - For girls and boys aged: Keas - 5 to 8, Cubs - 8 to 11 and Scouts - 11 to 14. There's something for every young person. It's a great way to have fun, make friends, get outdoors, express your creativity and experience the wider world. We have vacancies in all sections. Come along and have a look, the first 4 sessions are free. If you think your child may be interested in Keas, Cubs or Scouts, please phone Rose ph 686 9888 for more information.

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